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BLM Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Mountain Bike Trail Near Moab

Moab, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Moab Field Office is seeking public comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing potential impacts associated with construction of a 9.3-mile long mountain bike only trail in the Sand Flats Special Recreation Management Area. Earlier in 2015, the BLM solicited scoping comments from the public related to the proposed trail. If approved, the bike trail would add 9.3 miles to the system of designated non-motorized mountain bike trails and would be the only non-motorized mountain bike trail in the Sand Flats Recreation Area. The Big Burrito trail would provide an alternative to the Porcupine Rim portion of the Whole Enchilada Trail for less advanced riders and would provide connectivity to a mountain bike trail system for those riders wanting to ride directly from town.

Additional information can be found in the EA, which is available on the BLM's Environmental Notification Bulletin Board (ENBB) at:

https://www.blm.gov/ut/enbb/index.php; search for the word "Burrito" in the project name.

Written comments will be accepted by letter or email until Sept. 21, 2015. Please note that the most useful comments are those that contain new technical or scientific information relevant to the proposed action. Comments should be as specific as possible. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Please reference "Big Burrito Bike Trail EA" when submitting comments.

Written comments may be mailed or emailed using the following:

Mail

Bureau of Land Management Moab Field Office Attn: Big Burrito Bike Trail 82 East Dogwood Moab, Utah 84532

Email:

blm_ut_mb_comments@blm.gov

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

For additional information, please contact Katie Stevens at (435)259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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